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PAUL DORFMAN, former head of Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union Local 20467, AFL, is quoted in IRV KUPCINET's column "Chicago Sun Times" dated November 25, 1963 as advising RUDY worked as an organizer of the union for a short period but was unsatisfactory.

JOE JACOBS, Labor attorney and attorney for Local 20467 Scrap Iron and Junk Handlers Union, until five years ago, advised SA O. LEONARD TIKVINANUS on November 26, 1963 that he does not know RUBY nor does he recall his being associated with the union during late thirties or early forties.

An extensive search of the records of Chicago Police Department did not reflect any reference to JOHN MARTIN, JACK RUBY or JACK RUBENSTEIN or to murder of LEON COOK.

IRVING SCHOENWALD, former boxing promoter, 1313 West Randolph, Chicago, advised SA JOHN E. DALLMAN on November 25, 1963, that HAROLD RYAN, who is believed to be working for the Illinois State Athletic Commission, is currently on a cruise and will visit Europe. He is expected to return to Chicago in December, 1963. RYAN has telephone number MArrimac 7-1254. This number is listed to NAOMI RYAN, 1704 North Melvina, Chicago. SCHOENWALD did not know JACK RUBY, "SPARKY", or JACK RUBENSTEIN.

SAS PETROS A. KOTSOS and JOHN E. DALLMAN attempted on November 25, 1963, to contact RYAN through telephone number MI 7-1254 with negative results.

ART WINCH, member, Illinois State Athletic Commission, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago, advised SA KOTSOS on November 25, 1963, that HAROLD RYAN is no longer with the commission. RYAN was an office administrator for over ten years and was let out when the political administration of the state of Illinois changed approximately two years ago. RYAN is currently employed with the Metropolitan Sanitary District, Chicago. WINCH had no knowledge or information regarding subject RUBY.

Mr. TED LAUGHRAN, guard, Metropolitan Sanitary District, 100 East Erie, Chicago, advised SA DALLMAN on November 25, 1963, that Mr. HAROLD RYAN, secretary to Mr. MAHONEY, who is in charge of construction there, was presently on a Mediterranean cruise and would not return to Chicago until about December 1, 1963.

He could furnish no additional information.

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On November 25, 1963, Miss MARIE O'CONNOR, Chicago Tribune Morgue, 435 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, advised SA BRUCE S. FLEISNER that a check of their records reflects an article stating that LEON R. COOK died on January 5, 1940. He resided at 1135 South Sacramento, and was the founder of the Iron and Junk Handlers Union, even though he held no office with said union. On December 8, 1939, COOK went to the office of the Iron and Junk Handlers Union, 3132 South Roosevelt and while talking to JOHN MARTIN, president of this Local, was shot as a result of an argument involving amount of pay given to union members. The article points out that COOK went to the hospital under his own power and gave a statement to the effect that while talking with MARTIN he had complained that the union members were not receiving adequate salaries and MARTIN became angry and pulled a gun and shot him. The article pointed out that MARTIN resided at 8023 South Wolcott, Chicago, and that after COOK's death, MARTIN and his secretary, Mrs. GLADYS WALSH, thirty-five, 401 Walnut, Hinsdale, Illinois, could not be located. The article stated that they subsequently did appear at the police station and that in the trial MARTIN maintained that he shot COOK in self defense as it was COOK who had the gun at the time he appeared at MARTIN's home on December 8, 1939. Mrs. WALSH testified that she saw the two men arguing and struggling, but could not see who had the gun or how it was fired.

This article states that much of the information about this matter was received from JACK RUBENSTEIN on December 9, 1939. RUBENSTEIN, secretary of this union, stated that he was only a collector for the union.

Miss O'CONNOR stated that a second article reflected that on January 16, 1940, union president JOHN MARTIN was freed of the charge of murdering LEON R. COOK. She stated that no other information is available concerning this matter.

On November 25, 1963, LOUIS E. SCHMITZ, 2270 Garrison, Evanston, Illinois, advised SA JOHN E. DALLMAN that he does not know JACK RUBY or those allegedly associated with him. SCHMITZ stated that he has a cousin named LOUIS SCHMITZ, 10104 Wyton Drive, Westwood, California, who might know RUBY.

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